

Perennial Pepperweed

(Lepidium latifolium)

NRCS has introduced a new program under the 2006 Colorado EQIP Invasive Plant Program to address this particular weed.



Features:

- Native of Eurasia
- Member of the Mustard family
- Also referred to as Tall Whitetop
- A deep-rooted perennial plant with an extensive, vigorous creeping root system
- Reproduces by seed and root stalks
- Stands 3 to 5 feet high with a heavy, sometimes woody, crown
- Lower leaves are oblong with toothed margins
- Upper leaves do not clasp the stem and flowers are white
- Invades pastures, riparian areas, roadsides, and waste places

How YOU Can Help

- ✓ Learn to identify invasive plant species in your area.
- ✓ Report sightings of invasive species to your local county or land management agency.
- ✓ Do not pick wildflowers or plants. They may be invasive species and picking them can spread their seeds.
- ✓ Check local weed lists before you buy plants for your garden or yard.
- ✓ Clean all camping gear, clothing, and shoes before leaving an area to avoid inadvertently taking seeds along with you to the next campsite.
- ✓ Always stay on designated trails when camping or hiking, avoiding weed infested areas.
- ✓ Drive only on established roads or trails away from weed infested areas.

For more information on the identification and control of noxious weeds contact your local NRCS and Conservation District Office.